

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. TCU-99-18 TF-99-176
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**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND GRANTING APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT
OF CERTIFICATE**

(Issued July 8, 1999)

On June 10, 1999, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a proposed tariff revision identified as TF-99-176. In the proposed tariff, South Slope added the exchanges of Solon, Oxford and Tiffin, which are currently served by GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). At the same time, South Slope filed an application to amend its certificate, identified as TCU-99-18, to include these additional exchanges. South Slope has indicated that it concurs in the GTE maps for these exchanges. South Slope included a provision in its proposed tariff which adds a charge for the additional costs of leasing unbundled network elements for those customers who are unwilling to wait until South Slope can build its own facilities. When construction is completed and South Slope can provide service through its own facilities, this provision would no longer be applicable.

The Board has reviewed the tariff revision and the corresponding application and will approve them. The tariff revision substantially complies with the Board's rules. The provision which includes an additional charge applicable to customers

that request service prior to completion of the construction of South Slope's facilities is reasonable. South Slope stated in its tariff that it is committed to completion of construction by July 1, 2000. South Slope must notify the Board when it has completed construction of its facilities and it is able to provide service through its own facilities. The provision which includes the additional charge will no longer be applicable at that time. An amended Certificate No. 0120 will issue simultaneously with this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The tariff revision, identified as TF-99-176, filed on June 10, 1999, by South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company on June 10, 1999, is approved to be effective on July 1, 1999, subject to complaint or investigation.
2. The application identified as TCU-99-18, filed on June 10, 1999, by South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company is granted.
3. South Slope shall notify the Board upon completion of construction of facilities in Solon, Oxford, and Tiffin.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 8th day of July, 1999.